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Honorable Harry Reid
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Reid:

This is in reply to your letter of January 29, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, George McKaye, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Those rules have been in place for over 20 years. While they have been amended on numerous occasions since that time, they nonetheless embody regulatory concepts based on yesteryear's technology and, unless changed, will stifle the growth and development of private land mobile radio technology and services, which are used primarily by local governments, public safety entities, and businesses to enhance their productivity. The Commission issued the Notice, therefore, to solicit comment from all interested persons on a wide variety of proposals designed to increase channel capacity, to promote more efficient use of these channels, and to simplify the rules governing use of these channels.

The proposals in the Notice reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the Notice, however, are engraved in stone. Indeed, the proposals represent our best judgment at this stage of the proceeding on steps that must be taken to improve the regulatory climate for users of the private land mobile radio spectrum below 512 MHz. To this end, some of the critical issues that must be resolved relate to channel spacing, the amount of time provided to users to convert to new technical standards, how the 300 to 500 percent increase in channel capacity should be licensed, how the rules should be written to provide users technical flexibility, and whether the current nineteen radio services should be consolidated and, if so, how. I have enclosed for your information a copy of that part of the Notice that describes the numerous proposals.

Mr. McKaye is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

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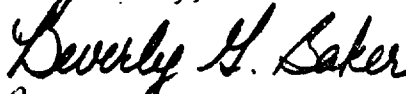
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We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take into careful consideration all their comments. Your constituent's concerns will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Comments on the proposals set forth in the Notice are due May 28, 1993, and Reply Comments are due July 14, 1993. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994. We urge your constituent to file formal comments on all aspects of the proposals.

Sincerely,



B. Saker
Ralph A. Haller
Chief, Private Radio Bureau

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January 29, 1993

Ms. Lou Sizemore
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Dear Ms. Sizemore:

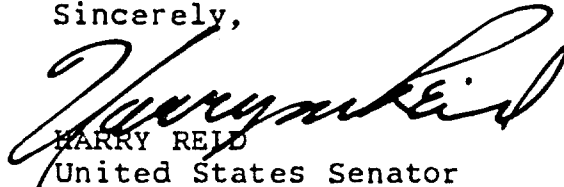
Enclosed is a letter I have received from Mr. George McKaye.

I would appreciate your reviewing this situation and providing me with answers to my constituent's concern. Please send your reply to the attention of Kim Bengtson.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance. I look forward to receiving your response soon.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,


HARRY REID
United States Senator

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The Honorable Harry Reid
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Sir:

I am writing in regard to my concern about a proposed rule-making study. The change NPRM-PR Docket 92-235 will effect Part 88 of the Code of Federal Regulations and it will also have a direct adverse effect on Part 95. Without getting too technical, I would like to explain. Basically the proposed rule addresses Part 88 of the Code of Federal Regulations, but it also will adversely affect Part 95 which relates to Radio Control Model frequencies.

For example: Model Channel 12 - 72.030MHZ
 New insert - 72.0325MHZ
 New insert - 72.0375MHZ
 Present Commercial - 72.040

As you can see, this would diminish the frequency tolerance dangerously close to ours.

I have enjoyed and promoted the modeling hobby/sport for over fifty years. I have watched it grow to its' present sophistication and membership of millions that reaches around the world.

The adverse spin-off effects to the radio control hobby/sport and the industries it supports would I'm sure, have far reaching negative results and quite possibly sound the "death-nell" for an activity that is beneficial and enjoyed by people of all ages.

The economic impact can only be determined by the passing of time but the impact of safety would be felt immediately. It is a generally accepted fact that a frequency very close to another, with greater power, can negate its' neighbor with weaker power, (Jamming...much like military radar). The resulting damage to a model is minute compared to the possible personal injury, or death potential, that this creates.

A great number of organizations across the country use this hobby/sport to influence young people away from drugs and street trouble. The hobby itself, influences young people to skilled jobs and its' related fields too numerous to list here.

I sincerely and urgently request that you take of you valuable time and effort to suppress this proposed rule. I might add, that time on this matter is critical, as I believe it is to be acted on sometime in February.

Respectfully yours,

George N. McKaye
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